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of

John Faucheraud Grimké.

August 1778 to May 1780.

(Continued from the July Number)

Head Quarters, Purisburgh.

February 19, 1779

L^{t}: Moore is to proceed to Fort Johnson & join Capt Mitchells Company in which He is to do Duty until further orders. They are to have a Cart to Convey their Baggage, which the Quarter Master is to furnish them with.

G: O. Parole, Upright. Countersigns $\left\{\begin{array}{l}\text{Unity}\\ \text{Use}\end{array}\right.$

The Night Piquets are not to be withdrawn until after sunrise.

20: R: O. by Coll^{o}. Roberts.

Officer of the Day tomorrow Capt. Lieut. Weaver.

Ordered that the Quarter Master issue a gill of Rum to the Men of the Corps of Artillery as Usual.

G: O: Morn^{g}. Parole, Wisdom.

Countersigns $\left\{\begin{array}{l}\text{Worth}\\ \text{Wealth}\end{array}\right.$

1 Capt: 2 L^{ts}: 2 Sergt^{s} & 40 Rank & File to Relieve the Guard at Zubly's to march immediately.

O: by Col^{o}: Huger Com^{t}:

1 Serg^{t}: 1 Corp: & 12 Privates from the 1st & 2^{d}. Brigades to Parade immediately before the Camp with 18 rounds each & there to receive their orders.

21: R: O. by Col^{o}: Roberts

Officer of the Day tomorrow Capt. Mitchell

Two carpenters are to be sent to assist the Workmen employed by the Dep: Quartermaster Gen:

A Rammer & Sponge Staff to be got immediately for the small Field-Piece.

O. by Col^{o}: Huger.

Parole. Lincoln Countersigns $\left\{\begin{array}{l}\text{Brave}\\ \text{Virtue}\end{array}\right.$

The Revieller to beat every morning at break of Day at which Time all officers & Soldiers of each Corps are to Parade with their Baggage & Accountrements Compleat, & the Horses geered, this to be continued every Morning 'till further Orders.

When the waggon Horses are turned out, the Waggoners are to attend their Teams.

22: R: O. by Col° Roberts.

Officer of the Day tomorrow Capt. Davis

O. by Col°. Huger

Parole, Moultrie

Countersigns } Acton / Worthy

23^d^. R: O. by Col°: Roberts,

Officer of the Day tomorrow Capt. L^t^. Donnom.

Parole, Rutledge, Countersigns } Liberty / Protect

24th. R: O. by Col°. Roberts.

Officer of the Day to-morrow Capt. Weaver.

G: O:

The General Court Martial of which Lieut. Col°. M^c^Intosh is President, now Sitting for the Tryal of such Prisoners as might be brought before them have Reported W^m^. Dunning of the 6th N°: Carolina Battalion charged with Desertion who pleaded Guilty Sentenced to receive 100 lashes on his bare Back.

The General approves the Sentence & Orders it to be Executed tomorrow morning at Troop beating.

Jos: Grimes a Serjt. in the Light Infantry charged with dressing himself like a Girl & being out of Camp after Retreat & Reprimanded at the Head of the Brigade to which he belonges.

The General approves the Sentence & orders it to be put in execution tomorrow Morning at Troop beating.

John Conway Ladson Serj^t^. in the 1st. S°. Carolina Regiment, charged with threatening to kill Lieut. Lewis, acquitted.

The General Court Martial of which Lieut^{t}. Col^{o}. M^{c}-Intosh is President is Dissolved.

The Deputy Barrack Master is ordered to supply the Officers & Soldiers with Wood & Candles in the following proportions.

A Brigadier General ½ a Cord of wood & 2 pounds of Candles per week.

Field Officers & Captains ¼ of a Cord of Wood & 1 pound of Candles per Week. Subalterns of each Company ¼ of a Cord of Wood and one Pound of Candles per Week.

Non Commissioned officers & Privates, not more than ten or less than six in a Mess, ¼ of a Cord of Wood & ¼ of a Pound of Candles per Week.

The Guards & and Sick to receive Double the Allowance.

25th. R: O. by Col^{o}. Roberts.

Officer of the Day to-morrow Capt. Lt. Weaver.

G: O: Parole, Antrim; Countersigns } Andrew / Archer

All Punishments whether General or Regimental are to be inflicted at Guard-mounting in the Morning.

Six Light Horsemen from Col^{o}: Horry's Corps & Two from S^{t}. Gambles will Parade every morning with the Guards: Four of them to attend the Field officer of the Day as an Escort, Two at Head-Quarters & Two to march with the Guard to Zubly's Ferry.

26: R: O: Col^{o}: Roberts

Officer of the Day to morrow.

G: O. Parol. Countersigns

The Troops will in future Exercise from 6 to 8 ôClock in the Morning & from ½ past 4 to ½ past 6 ôClock in the Evenings. The Com^{g}: officer on the Right will direct the Signal for turning out—which will be the Long Roll followed immediately by three Ruffles.

A Court Martial is to sit tomorrow for the tryal of all Prisoners Witnesses to attend. President of the Court Martial L^{t}: Col^{o}: Harleston Members 4 Cap^{s}. & 3 Sub^{s}.

from Col°: Huger's, 2 Cop^{ls}. & 2 Sub^{s}: from Col°: Summers Brigade.

27th. R: O: by Col Roberts

Ordered that Rum be delivered as usual to Corps of Artillery this Afternoon.

A Court Martial to sit immediately for the tryal of Michael Kenleven.

President
Capt. Davis
Capt. Lieut Elliott } Members.
Lieu^{t}. Field }

G: O: Parole, Circumspection

Countersigns } Caution / Close

The Army will hold themselves in readiness to March at a Moment's warning. after orders by Col°. Roberts [space blank]

28: In Consequence of the above orders the Detachment marched off the ground at 9 oClock next morning & reached M^{r}. Williamsons Plantation (the Magazine) about 5 in the Evening 16 miles distant from Purisburgh & Proceeded next Morning at 5 ôClock to Capt: Staffords, a march of 10 Miles. This being the last Post where any Provision was laid up for the Men & Horses the remainder of the Day was employed in Distributing the Ammunition & Baggage equally between the waggons, in Sending for Provisions for the Horses & having it divided amongts the Teams that the load might be more easily carried.

This Precaution was exceedingly fortunate, as no fodder could be obtained at M^{rs}. Neyles where the Detachment encamped on the Evening of the 2^{d}. March after a disagreable & Tedious March of 12 Miles thro a rotten deep Pine barron, in which the Waggons were frequently stalled. At 12 ôClock in the Subsequent Day the Detachment arrived at Matthews Bluff 10 Miles distant from their last encampment, Where they immediately pitched their Tents & refreshed themselves. Capt. Mitchell was dispatched to Gen: Ash to receive orders for the further Conduct of this

Detachment & this Interval was employed in putting all the ammunition & the Field Pieces into the Boat ready to cross the River, which was completed before the return of the Express. Capt. Mitchell arrived at 5 oClock precisely & had scarce communicated the orders before a firing was heard. Application was immediately made to General Rutherford for 100 of his men to cross the River with the Artillery to assist in remounting the Pieces & Cover them should occasion require. This request was immediately complied with. The Troops crossed, had landed & fixed one of the Field Pieces ready for Service when the arrival of Gen: Ashe rendered this attempt to Succour his Troops Useless. The Artillery was immediately rebarked by his orders & again Crossed the River. The Militia under Gen. Rutherford assisted most chearfully in landing & remounting the Pieces which they were disposed off to cover the Flight of our Defeated Troops & their passing over the River. It Appears that Our Camp at Bryar Creek was surprised, that the Enemy had crossed about 8 Miles higher up the River than where we were posted & had attacked Us in the rear, that our Troops had no Cartridges delivered out to them previous to the Engagement & that the Enemy's Movement was so rapid that the firing begun before Our troops had formed. A Total Rout ensued & had not the Cont: Geo: Brigade & Col^{o}: Parker's Regiment of North Carolinians bravely supported the fire of the Enemy almost every Man would have been taken Prisoner. The Troops fled precipitately & saved themselves by Swimming Bryar Creek & the River Savannah in which attempt many were drowned. Gen: Elbert was taken Prisoner, having remained too long on the Field with his handful of Troops. Our loss is supposed not to amount to more than 200 killed, wounded, & taken; five Waggon loads fixed Ammunition for the Infantry, & One brass four Pounder with Two Small Iron Pieces fell into the Enemy's hands. At 10 ôClock of the same Evening Gen: Rutherford's Brigade & one Piece of Artillery were ordered by Gen: Ashe to Return & by forced Marches (having made but two halts before they reached the Sisters) arrived about 5 ôClock in the afternoon of the subsequent Day. A March of 32

miles in 19 Hours. the artillery however was ordered to Proceed to M^{r}. Williamsons Plantation, where they lay on their Arms until one ôClock & then renewed their March by Express Orders of Gen. Ashe, to M^{r}. Porcher's plantation 6 miles further. The Men of this Small Detachment were carried in the Waggons during this last march, being so fatigued that they could no longer travel on foot. On the Morning of the 5th: Gen: Ashe called in and visited the Detachment of Artillery, acquainted the Com^{g}. officer that He was going to Purisburgh & would obtain immediate Orders for the Detachment. This assurance being given an Express to Gen: Lincoln was Stopped, but no Orders were rec^{d}.; in consequence of this L^{t}. Rudd was sent with Dispatches to Gen: Lincoln on the 6th & at one ôClock orders were rec^{d}. for the Detachment to March to the Sisters, where they arrived about 6 oClock in the afternoon & found the other Field Piece which had been detained at Mathewes' bluff until 10 ôClock in Morning of the 4th. The Consequences of Gen: Ashes Surprise has filled our Troops with Consternation, disarmed at least one Thousand Men, put the Enemy in possession of Augusta once more, & Exposed the Frontiers of S^{o}. Carolina from the Sisters upwards to the inroads of the Enemy's light Horse, & left them an open Communication with the Back Country Tories. This action as well as the one at Savannah, with the Continual Usage of the Enemy proves, that the Militia ought to be well supported by Continental Troops, when brought to action. The Stores at the Magazine are ordered to be removed to Pocotaligo at the Church near Sheldon. The Troops are forming an abbatis round the Encampment at the Sisters.

(To be continued.)